

**EAST NEW ORLEANS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (ENONAC)**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 6:00pm**  
**MINUTES**

Executive Board Members:

P – Denotes member present, E – Denotes member excused, A – Denotes member absent, V – vacant position

P	Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, President	P	Brenda Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
P	Dawn Hebert, 2nd Vice President	P	Karol Sanders, Treasurer
P	Carroll Denesse, Member At Large	P	Maxine Weaver, Member At Large
		P	Lydia Leon, Secretary

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheets.

**I. Call to order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Scineaux-Richard at 6:11 p.m. After roll call, we did not have a quorum.

**II. Introduction of Special Guest(s):** There were none.

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda:** It was tabled until a quorum.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2019:** It was tabled until a quorum.

**V. Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report for both ENONAC and East New Orleans Foundation (ENOF) was read and tabled until a quorum.

**Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson** and **Commander of NOPD 7<sup>th</sup> District Lawrence Dupree** asked that they be able to speak first as they had another community commitment, the Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) meeting being held at the Hospital Conference Room.

**Commander Dupree** gave a status of 7<sup>th</sup> District NOPD as follows:

- 1) Auto burglary – Individuals have been arrested. The burglaries are down 7-9 from 25-50. They are receiving active curfew calls.
- 2) Task force now riding in subdivisions with blue lights and amber lights.
- 3) Crime Center cameras – slated to get 10 more in NOE.
- 4) Cameras – not sure where they are being placed.
- 5) They are still having police “walking beats”.
- 6) Mounted patrols are active but suspended when heat index is high.
- 7) Keep in mind that everything reported on social media is not all accurate, for instance, NOLA NextDoor.
- 8) 97 officers are now active in NOE.
- 9) New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meeting is on Wednesday, June 19.

**Supt. Ferguson** stated to the audience:

- 1) Additional officers are currently being added to the 7<sup>th</sup> District. The process was slowed down because there were 47 officers lost this year due to retirements.
  - 2) New recruit class now started. Auto theft is up compared to the previous year.
  - 3) We understand that we are understaffed in the 7<sup>th</sup> District. Working on the problems. Sub Stations are not in the plans for now.
  - 4) Consent Decree – monitoring phase is not in progress.
- Pres. Scineaux-Richard asked about the theft incident at the Walgreen’s and the AT&T Store on Bullard. Supt. Ferguson said that he was not going to speak on that incident but CDR Dupree will because it is their investigation.
- 5) Comm. Landrum asked if walking groups were still in neighborhoods. He said, yes. They are walking in areas that have had a lot of car burglaries.
  - 6) ENO resident, Janie Blackmon, commended CDR Dupree and his officers on the good job they are doing even though they are very short handed. She asked what the plan is for getting more officers to the 7<sup>th</sup> District. He said they have received recruits and reinstated some retired police to return to the force. She also asked how many officers are needed in NOE. He said over 100. Right now they have 97 officers. She asked what neighborhoods can do to help the officers. He said cameras in neighborhood areas are good. Keep house lights on at night and know what is going on in your neighborhood. CDR Dupree stated, reference the incidents at the Walgreen’s Drugstore and AT&T store, they are close to an arrest. CDR Dupree introduced the officers that were with him: Asst. Commander Adrian Matthews, a resident of NOE; James Montana, teaches at the academy; Officers Kevin Doucette and Alfonse Ponson. CDR Dupree gave his email address [ldupree@nola.gov](mailto:ldupree@nola.gov). He said he will send out weekly alerts to all those registered for his emails.

## VI. New Business:

**A. Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) Victory: Ms. Avione Pichon,** Chief Admin Officer of OPSB stated there has been a lack of funding to our schools for several years. Facility funds increased 18% but not funds for the classrooms. She said there is, at the State level, approximately \$140 million total in new state funding for public education: 1) Teacher pay raise of \$1000, 2) School Support workers raise of \$500, 3) Per pupil funding raise of \$39 million total and all of this applies to all parishes in Louisiana. On the local OPSB level it amounts to approximately \$10 million for local public education in 3 buckets: 1) \$100 per student funding (e.g., additional staff, raises, curriculum, playgrounds, etc.) 2) Programs for students with special needs (e.g., Travis Hills Schools, Center for Resilience) 3) System-wide needs fund that includes the District (e.g., citywide priorities better facilitated by OPSB). These apply to New Orleans only. This is a common sense solution to balance school funding. Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent of Schools for Orleans Parish stated measures in this bill will help our students while simultaneously allowing the School Board and our school administrators do their jobs to efficiently balance resources in serve of a unified vision for our schools. Someone asked why is the Living School allowed to operate in a shopping center? She said that schools manage their own facilities. The Living School needed a smaller facility. Ms. Pichon said she will check on the reason why they were given a Charter. Comm. DeGrasse said she went to the opening and was not impressed. She said that she asked several questions about certification of teachers, etc. and never received any feedback. In the fall the OPSB will hold a meeting in NOE on plans for their facilities. Betty Washington of Huntington Park asked what is done to determine where schools are placed. She did not believe Living School is in a good environment. As a former educator, Comm. Legaux said not only is the facility in an awkward location but the curriculum does not seem to prepare these students for college. The questions were asked, "where are they recruiting students". What skills or graduating documents will they have to secure gainful employment? The ENONAC Commissioners had serious concerns about this school for many of these reasons. There was a lot of concern by ENONAC CAB Commissioners due to the lack of clarification clearing up exactly what was Living School curriculum would be. We got no clear response or answers. Ms. Pichon said that schools are responsible for their own recruitment. OPSB does not advertise for any schools. Funding is only on a per student basis.

### B. NPP Community Meetings:

- 1. Request to permit a sign exceeding the permitted sign dimensions at 5931-5961 Bullard Ave. (Miracle Plaza) by Kaleidoscope Realty represented by Weber Consulting:  
Community Meeting on Tuesday, June 18; 6:30pm; NOLA Palms Hall 5961 Bullard Ste. 7 –**  
The owner along with Nicole Webre presented the reason for their request. Housing, Land Use and Zoning (HLUZ) Committee will have them present their proposal for discussion at a later date.
- 2. Request to open a Reception Facility at 8700 Lake Forest Blvd. by Amanda & Rashad Ketchens  
Community Meeting is on Wednesday, June 26; 6pm; ENO Library 5641 Read Blvd. –**  
Mr. Rashad Ketchens said that the size of the facility is 3725 sq. ft. He said they will rent equipment and deliver and pickup. He also said that the hall can be rented for special events. There is no full kitchen, food must be catered. They will hire NOE residents. The name of the company is KP Event Rentals.
- 3. Billboard Placement at 13100 I-10 Service Road by John D. Jackson III  
(Error in NPP process; must have a 3<sup>rd</sup> community meeting)  
Friday, June 21; 5pm; NO Hamburger & Seafood 12000 E. I-10 Service Rd. –**  
Karen Comeaux, resident of Spring Lake, asked if there is a distance requirement between billboards. The answer was NO. The owner of this project was not present to speak.

## VII. Old Business

- A. CAB: Complete State Ethics Training and submit resulting certificate to ENONAC Office at this website:** <https://eap.ethics.la.gov/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>. CAB Commissioners were reminded to complete State Ethics Training and submit resulting certificate to the ENONAC Office.

President Scineaux-Richard said that HLUZ Committee needs volunteers to join the HLUZ Committee which will take the three above mentioned requests under advisement. After the proper research is done and the applicants have presented before HLUZ Committee, the results will be presented to the ENONAC Body for consideration. Comms. Landrum and McWilliams volunteered.

#### **VIII. Community Info/Public Comments**

- A. Renewable Energy Symposium** - Comm. Dawn Hebert stated the symposium will be held on Saturday, June 15; 10-2pm; Tulane University Law School 6329 Freret St. 70118. She said the issue of the paid actors will be heard on Friday, June 14 at 9am in the Judge's chambers.
  
- B. NOLA Ready:** Laura Mellem, City Public Engagement Manager spoke to the audience on being prepared for a hurricane, evacuation sites, etc.

#### **IX. Announcements**

- A. Neighborhood Leadership Roundtable: Hurricane Preparedness & Blight Remediation** is on Saturday, June 22; 9-1pm; NO Mosquito Control Board; 2100 Leon C. Simon Dr. Register for the 2nd Quarter 2019 Neighborhood Leaders' Roundtable by Friday June 7.

**X. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Submitted by Lydia Leon, Secretary